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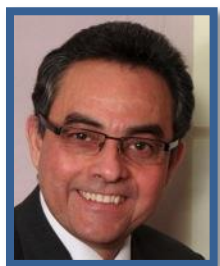


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FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR
Robson Marinho, PhD

GRADUATION CELEBRATION!

In this 20th anniversary year, the Leadership Program has so far graduated 17 new PhDs, with several more to come in August! Congratulations to all graduates for this achievement! Let's all celebrate the 20 years of the program by joining the graduates' victory and joy! Enjoy the photo gallery of the graduation.



Leadership Conference 2014: Growing a Legacy



Growing a Legacy is the topic of our Leadership Conference 2014, featuring keynote speaker Marshall Goldsmith. For more information on the speaker, please check [The Marshall Goldsmith Thinkers50 Video Blog](#), which will be posted once a week for the next 50 weeks. The series will incorporate learning from his 38 years of experience with top executives, as well as material from his previous research, articles and books.

Conference Highlights:

Sunday, July 27

- Opening ceremony – 7:00 pm
- Onstage interview with the five Pioneer Faculty: Jim Tucker, David Penner, Bill Green, Jerry Thayer, and Shirley Freed
- Current Issues in Leadership – Jim Tucker
- Questions & Answers

Monday, July 28

- Morning Keynote Speaker: Marshall Goldsmith
- Afternoon: Plenary and breakout sessions with the pioneer faculty, plus stories of successful graduates

Spiritual Leadership Conference



The Spiritual Leadership Conference this year will start on Saturday evening and continue all Sunday long, featuring keynote speaker Gordon MacDonald on the topic of “Servants and Friends: A Theology of Leadership.” Gordon MacDonald is Chancellor of Denver Seminary and editor-at-large of *Leadership Journal*. He is an author, speaker, and teacher, and has written more than a dozen books and co-authored others with his wife, Gail. More information soon!

Important Dates:

Conference and Roundtable: July 27-30

Spiritual Conference: July 26 and 27

For more information and to register online please visit:

https://www.andrews.edu/sed/leadership_dept/leadership_conference_2014/

LEAD Department Celebrates Faculty and Staff



In a show of gratitude, the Leadership department took a moment to recognize the hard work and dedication of faculty and staff members. As a token of appreciation, they enjoyed a celebratory lunch together in St. Joseph, Michigan, on May 6. Thanks to the Leadership team for the strong commitment to the success of our participants!

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM NEWS

Congratulations, May 2014 Graduates!













Congratulations, Isaac Boateng, PhD!



Isaac Boateng successfully presented his portfolio on April 17. His portfolio was based on his path-breaking work as the founding pastor of the Columbus Ghanaian Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ohio, which he started in 2000. He has also been the president of a national Ghanaian organization that links numerous churches serving immigrant populations from Ghana.

Isaac sees himself not only as a pastor of a local church but as a pastor of the 10,000-member Ghanaian community in Columbus, Ohio. He is well known beyond the Seventh-day Adventist community. His commitment was especially visible in his social responsibility competency, which highlighted the development of a non-profit organization, called Sonlife, that Isaac spearheaded with his church and which has received several grants benefitting immigrant and poor families in the community. The community honored Isaac with a special award in 2012.

Another interesting fact was the way Isaac encouraged his church to pay off their mortgage early so they could invest funds in leadership development in their home country. Isaac plans to start a Leadership Development Center in Africa and hopes to recruit some of his fellow leadership program

participants to teach leadership in Africa. Isaac, we are proud of your accomplishments and wish you God's blessings as you move forward!

Congratulations, Lisa Greco, PhD!



Lisa Greco successfully presented her portfolio on April 23 to her faculty committee: Shirley Freed, Janet Ledesma and Subir Dass. Lisa is director of conference services at Bethel College; under her leadership the number of conferences using Bethel services has increased substantially. Lisa is a trainer for Covey's Seven Habits and is very active in her community, helping with education, church and the fire department. She is also active in the Michiana chapter of supporters of Crohn's disease. Lisa's star competency focused on a holistic approach to living. As a result, she recently presented a webinar for principals of Seventh-day Adventist schools, emphasizing the key concepts of the life lessons she has attained while on the Leadership journey.

Congratulations, Priscilla Tucker, PhD!



Congratulations to Dr. Priscilla Tucker for achieving this significant milestone. Priscilla's interactive portfolio presentation defused the anxiety that typically accompanies an undertaking of such magnitude. Her portfolio and synthesis paper portrayed a panoramic view of the defining moments of her life and career that exemplified transformational leadership, literary prowess, and a love of learning and effective instruction. Though Dr. Tucker's journey was fraught with extraordinary life challenges along the way, God's mercies, her resilience, and the support of family, friends, and faculty helped to lighten the load. Added blessings came from being wedded to one of the founders of the Andrews University Leadership Program, Dr. Jim Tucker.

Dean Sherzai Presents Portofolio



After supporting fellow California participants Eddy Witzel and Brenda Pfeiffer at their graduation on Sunday, Dean Sherzai successfully presented his portfolio on Monday, May 5. Dean, a neurologist, is the former Deputy Minister of Health in Afghanistan. From there he moved to Loma Linda University, where he now works as Director of the Memory and Aging Center and is the San Bernardino County Commissioner of Healthy Aging. One of the unique aspects of Dean's portfolio was his initiatives to empower communities to collaborate in facing the overwhelming challenges brought on by the unprecedented trends of an aging population and the explosion of dementia and Alzheimer's disease, which have led to the creation of the Healthy Aging Institute. In 2013, Dean organized the Healthy Aging Conference, a collaboration between universities (Cal State San Bernardino, UCR, and Loma Linda University), faith-based organizations, businesses, and policy makers that has brought about an

amazing model of human and financial management at a meta-structure level. Congratulations, Dean, and blessings as you develop these initiatives into models for the nation.

Patrice Osborne Presents Portofolio



Patrice Osborne, is at present the Associate Superintendent of Education at the Central California Conference. Sh has many years' experience as a teacher and K-12 administrator. This May Patty graduated with an EdS in Educational Administration, after outstanding work in her classes, her field work, and portfolio presentation. Dr. Sylvia Gonzalez was her advisor. Drs. Janet Ledesma, Zachary Mngo, Subir Das and others also played an important part in her professional preparation

James Davis Completes Educational Leadership Certificate



James Davis, principal of Battle Creek Academy, recently completed the Superintendent's Certificate offered through the Educational Leadership program at Andrews University. What James appreciated most about the experience were the practical applications provided through the courses he took and the qualified professors in the program. The spiritual applications and the opportunities to network with colleagues all on the same educational administrative journey was also rewarding for James. The advice he shares for those interested in the certificate program is to enroll in a few courses at a time and then take the opportunity to integrate the lessons learned into your work life experiences. Congratulations, James!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Leadership Association Conference (ILA)

The 16th Annual ILA Global Conference, on the theme of ***Conscious Leading for Global Change: Emergence of Our Collective Realities***, will take place October 30 through November 2, 2014, in San Diego, California. The conference calls on leadership scholars and educators, business and community leaders, students, and young leaders to propose conference sessions that offer the finest leadership of your sector and across sectors. For more information, see <http://www.ilanet.org/Conferences/2014/index.htm>.

The next Leadership Orientation will be held July 22-25, 2014, for Leadership, Higher Education Administration, and Educational Leadership K-12. We are now accepting applications to all programs throughout the year. Please feel free to share this information with your colleagues and prospective graduate students.

EDRM 611 Research Methods and Statistics for Education & Psychology II, Summer Intensive (3 credits)

This intensive stats course, taught by Dr. Jimmy Kijai, is scheduled for July 14-25, 2014. Registration is now open. Please use these dates as you begin your summer travel plans.



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